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## Why Labor is for the League

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Why organized labor is for the league of nations is forcibly and succinctly set forth in a monograph by John H. Walker, formerly president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor and of the Illinois District of United Mine Workers. This article, explaining the attitude of the American Federation of Labor at its recent convention in Atlantic City, N. J., amplifies the reasons advanced at the meeting in the resolutions adopted.

Mr. Walker, who is the accredited spokesman for the Federation declares labor is for the league of Nations because every normal-minded person is opposed to war, particularly so the thinkers of all classes. Continuing, he says:

"And it is because they believe that a competent, impartial tribunal, selected from the ablest men in the world, cannot pass judgment on questions involving humanity without making progress from conditions obtaining today, that they are strongly in favor of a league of nations—a tribunal through which, by peaceful means, disputes between nations can be settled without resort to wars such as we have just gone through. Every mother's heart has been wrung; every father's heart has ached with pain; millions of children have been made fatherless and motherless; billions of property have been destroyed, and a burden of taxation has been levied on the human race under which it will stagger for generations."

Labor makes a point in the next declaration in which it calls attention to the fact that every person in our own country who openly and secretly supported the Central Powers in the recent war opposes the plan; that every enemy this government had during the war, who was obstructing and hindering the government in its efforts to win, and who tried to harass the president, is against it; that every profiteer who got rich by betraying the nation and exploiting the dependents of the men who fought the battle is against it; that every employing corporation refusing recognition to unions is against it. Labor charges that these men believe in war and want further opportunities to exploit the national resources for their own benefit.

While admitting that there may be defects in the covenant, labor insists that they are not of sufficient gravity to warrant wrecking the plan, and that corrections will be made as time progresses; that the covenant does not take away any of the rights we now have, as is contended, and finally, that it is the only means by which wars in future may be averted.

Mr. Walker's monograph is one of the most convincing arguments yet advanced in favor of the league of nations, and statesmen opposing it will do well to heed its reasoning, because labor proposes to make itself heard in the determination of this question, and men who do not heed will find themselves relegated to private life. Organized labor is determined that war—from which no one profits except those who do not need profit, and no one loses except those who cannot afford to lose—must cease. And in this position organized labor is right.

On the Altar of Sacrifice—The largest stock of staple and fancy groceries in Carrizozo.—Trading Company.

## The American Legion

New York, Sept. 7.—A nationwide campaign to increase the membership of the American legion to 1,000,000 veterans of the great war will be started by all state branches and local posts throughout the country on Monday, September 15. The drive will last six days, closing on Saturday, September 20. In that time each state will be expected to fill a membership quota necessary to make the strength of the legion nationally one million members.

The membership quota for each state has been worked out on the basis of the number of men who served in the army, navy or marine corps during the war from that state. To the state which leads the country in the membership drive, the national executive committee will present a banner at the Minneapolis convention on November 11, American Legion day, when Marshal Foch and other distinguished guests of honor are expected to be present.

The membership quota assigned to New Mexico for the drive week is 3,222.

## Is there Oil in New Mexico?

Whether oil will be found in New Mexico is yet a matter of speculation. Many people seem to think that because the first noise has partly subsided the prospects of striking oil are over. This is altogether wrong. The big noise has not yet begun in New Mexico, and it is not alone possible, but probable, that when the wells at Ranger, Burkhurnett and other oil fields are pumped dry, New Mexico may be bringing in gushers. Drills are now running in many parts of the state, and other drills are on the ground. Our neighboring town, Oscura, 20 miles south, we learn, is not losing any time. The company putting down this well is a well-financed bona-fide company, and, while making no predictions, they intend to find oil if it is there. Should luck favor them, it will mean a great boom for Oscura, and for Carrizozo and Lincoln county also.

At Picacho, to the east of this town, several companies have been organized to drill for oil, and from what we can learn from those best posted on oil formation the chances of striking the golden fluid is good. One rig is on the ground, and the enterprise is backed by a solid company, which has no intention of putting stock on the market, at present at least. So the company must feel reasonably sure of the outcome.

Yet there may be no oil in New Mexico, and on the other hand there may be a great new producing field within our borders, and it is this latter should prove true, we will be due for a real oil boom, the like of which has never been known in this western country, and, further, it may arrive almost any day without notice.

## Several Stock Deals

W. C. Streikbien, a stockman, of Edwards county, Texas, this week bought 750 ewes and 250 muttons from the Walker & Elchervarry sheep company, whose ranch lies on the north side of the Capitan mountains. The animals were loaded at Capitan for shipment to Texas.

Another deal was made this week in which the same company sold to Baker Brothers, of Rock Springs, Texas, 850 head of ewes. Both deals were made through Stimmet & Co., live stock brokers, of this town.

## Woodland's "Outlaws"

Jim Woodland was in from the Block ranch Thursday. Jim is now attending to business, but in years gone by he had a base ball bug under his hat, which each year prompted him to organize a ball team, which was known as "Woodland's Outlaws." Jim had no quarrel with McGraw or any of the other highbrows of baseballdom, his sole ambition being to defeat every team in the county, annex the Lincoln county pennant, and retire. His ambition, however, was never gratified, notwithstanding that each successive year he would spend his accumulated year's wages on importing ball players for his "Outlaw" team, but somehow Jim's imported "ex-leaguers" would turn out to be the sorriest novices, who could not hit a ball, and consequently Jim's "Outlaws" never won a game. He finally concluded that Nature never intended him for a baseball magnate, so he now puts his good dollars into war savings stamps. He said if it were not for that d—d baseball bug finding a lodging house under his thatch, he would have accumulated enough dough to build an armored cruiser for his Uncle. However, it is never too late to mend, and he is now faithfully "doing his bit" to pull his Uncle out of the debt incurred by him recruiting a team to whip Kaiser Bill's Boches. It was all ball playing anyway, although his Uncle did not use the regulation ball handled by his Outlaws.

## Sam C. Hall Dies

Sam C. Hall, White Mountain, New Mexico, died at the National Sanatorium, Alamogordo, Sept. 5th, and the body was brought to Carrizozo and interred in the local cemetery. Mr. Hall had been a long time sufferer from tuberculosis and his death resulted from that malady.

Sam C. Hall was born and reared in North Carolina, and was sixty years of age at the time of his death. He came west when a young man and for a quarter of a century has been a citizen of Lincoln county.

At the time of his death he was engaged in ranching and stock raising at White Mountain, and lived with his sister, Miss Minnie E. Hall, postmistress at the place. When death came the faithful sister sat by the bedside and accompanied the remains to their last resting place in the Carrizozo cemetery.

The deceased was a highly esteemed and substantial citizen of this county, and although his death was not unexpected his passing is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends throughout the county and these friends extend sympathy to the bereaved sister.

## Under the Mann Act

A report of an interesting case under the Mann Act, being tried in the federal court, El Paso, appeared in Thursday's Herald, in which a barber named Harry Sprong, well known in Carrizozo, was the defendant. Mrs. Hart, the lady in the case, is said to be an attractive young woman of 21, and comes of an excellent English family, but that bad companions, dance halls and liquor are to blame for her downfall. In giving her testimony she seemed inclined to shield Sprong. The evidence, however, was sufficient, and Sprong was taken in charge by the sheriff, and will be tried at the coming term of court in El Paso.

## A. R. C. Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Lincoln County Chapter held an important meeting yesterday afternoon.

Miss Erna M. Ferguson, of Albuquerque, state secretary of the Red Cross Home Service, was present, and outlined the work before the chapter for the coming months—how many she could not definitely say. At any rate, it is the duty of the Home Service to look after the various wants of returned soldiers, allotments, insurance, health, etc., which is a rather big task, but which has been accepted by the National Red Cross and passed down to each chapter.

Mrs. H. S. Fairbank was selected as Home Service secretary, succeeding Miss Grace Jones who filled the position quite acceptably the past year, but who resigned recently.

E. M. Brickley was appointed chairman of the Roll Call Committee.

A health committee was appointed and is now in communication with the nurse section at Mountain division headquarters, Denver, concerning definite action along this line. This committee consists of Drs. M. G. Paden, P. M. Shaver, Mrs. J. B. French, Mrs. R. E. Stidham and Mrs. R. E. Blaney.

An auditing committee, consisting of E. M. Brickley, C. A. Perkins and E. D. Boone, was appointed.

## Serious Charge Preferred

Floyd Armstrong, son of T. E. Armstrong, the latter a well known conductor here, was arrested here this week by the local officials on authority from El Paso.

Armstrong is charged with complicity in the murder of an El Paso taxicab driver, the alleged murder having occurred about fifteen miles out of El Paso Saturday night. The principal in the affair has confessed, but it appears he does not implicate Armstrong in his confession. The chief of police of El Paso, however, claims to have had a confession from Armstrong which connects him with the crime as an accessory. Deputy Ben West took the prisoner to El Paso.

## "Dry" Amendment

### Knocked Out

Santa Fe.—District Judge Reed Holloman today handed down a decision to the effect that the secretary of state need not submit to a referendum vote the question of ratifying the national prohibition amendment. Those demanding the referendum will appeal the case to the supreme court.

Early last summer a petition was filed with the secretary of state, carrying more than 3,000 signatures, asking that the question be submitted to a vote of the people in November, 1920. The attorney general ruled that the question was not one contemplated by the New Mexico constitution as subject to the referendum.

The petitioners, through A. B. Renahan, then took the case into the district court, asking for a writ of mandamus to compel the secretary of state to submit the proposal.

## Council Meeting

The city council held a meeting Monday evening in the Lutz Hall. The unfinished sidewalks were discussed, but as the contractor was not present, being called to Tularosa by the illness of his wife, no steps were taken in the matter until his return. Instructions for grading some streets, and repairing water courses were issued. Other routine business connected with the town was transacted.

## Harvesting on the Mesa

A large number of farmers from the Nogal-Mesa district were in Carrizozo this week trading, in preparation for a strenuous session of harvesting, which is just commencing on that fertile plateau. All report full crops of everything planted last spring except potatoes. It is the most successful farming year ever experienced on the Mesa, and on the Bonito, Ruidoso and Hondo streams. The Mesa is strictly a dry-farming section, but the precipitation this year was sufficient to cause 100 per cent yield. Pasture is good, live stock rolling fat, and the farmers are happy, as all raise more or less live stock—from 25 to 200 head. With good markets for their produce and high prices for live stock, they have no need to worry about the H. C. of L.

Albert Pfingsten, a pioneer farmer on the Mesa, notwithstanding having a leg amputated half way below the knee the past year, reports bumper crops. He has seventy acres of rye, besides corn, beans, etc. Not bad for a man who but recently lost his good right leg.

## A 100 per cent Record

The following paragraph relating to the Lincoln County Chapter of the Red Cross, appeared in a recent issue of the Denver Arc Rays, and speaks volumes for the patriotism of the ladies of Carrizozo, and Lincoln county:

"Lincoln county, N. M., on August 2 made its final shipment on its summer sewing quota, with a 100 per cent record. The work was directed by Mrs. J. B. French, Production Chairman at Carrizozo."

## The Influenza Threat

Doctors are disagreeing on the probability of another influenza outbreak in the coming autumn and winter. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York health commissioner, is quoted as taking an exceedingly pessimistic view of the future, declaring science to be helpless against the disease and predicting its return to scourge the world. Not only does he prophesy the return of the dread disease, but he names October as the time when it is to come back.

Whether the learned doctor is right or wrong in his prognostication, precautions to maintain one's physical condition at a high standard are always wise, but they would seem to be especially imperative in the near future, in view of the possibility of a new outbreak of the disease which last year killed more Americans than lost their lives in the great world war.

## Tax Commissioner

### Is Not Appointed

Santa Fe, Sept. 6.—No decision had been reached this noon as to the appointment of a member of the state tax commission to succeed the late James Ascarate. Under the law the place goes to a democrat and both George L. Ulrick of Carrizozo, a well known banker, who served on the last commission, and W. M. Atkinson of Roswell, former county commissioner, are being urged, but practical difficulties have presented themselves and an effort is being made to find a Spanish-American democrat whose business experience and other qualifications would fit him for the appointment.

## NEWSY NEWS FROM OSCURO

The Canadian-American Oil company shut down their rig Monday, to put in some new timbers and a new bull wheel, but they say this will only take a short time.

Roy and Ray Sterling left Wednesday, with a large bunch of horses, for Texas.

Postmaster Grey has been sick for the past few days, but is now up and around and attending to business again.

Most all the dwellings and business houses here, after being repaired and put in shape, have been rented. This, no doubt, will create a demand for new buildings.

Miss Cora Crews came in Tuesday to be with her parents, Judge and Mrs. S. F. Crews, for a short time, and to help them make arrangements to go back to Illinois the latter part of this month, where they will spend the winter.

W. E. Tiller, one of the directors of the oil company that is drilling here, went to El Paso Saturday, returning Tuesday evening.

Mrs. R. W. Gunyon's brother, F. C. Dodson, from the Texas University of the Geological Department, came in with Mr. Tiller for a short stay.

J. W. Denny, of El Paso, is here looking over the country and some leases in behalf of the oil company.

Two automobile loads oil men went out of here Wednesday morning to look over the country as to the oil possibilities.

## Read the Ads

In these days of high prices and stomach economy, it is only human nature to cut a dime or two off your expense account when you can. Therefore before you make your next round of the stores we advise you to go carefully over the ads. in the Carrizozo News. Make note of the different offerings, and look them up personally. You may get two slices for the price of one, and that is going some in these days. It pays to read the ads.

## 10,000 Cans of Peaches

Roswell, Sept. 6.—The Pecos Valley Canning company has finished canning 10,000 cans of peaches—equal to ten cars of canned goods. This represents about 6,000 bushels of peaches or fifteen car loads. And peaches are just a small part of what has been done and will be done. The tomato canning has only fairly started, and only a small quantity of the beets are in. The factory has already canned 500 cases of apples, and expects to can 6,000 cases more.

## First Oil Well at Roswell

The first oil well to be drilled near Roswell will be put down on the farm of J. R. Weaver, four miles northwest of the city. Mr. Weaver declined to state who has the contract but said it was an outside company and that work would start as soon as the machinery could be placed on the ground. This will be good news for those who have been waiting for operations to start, as practically all the land in the county has been leased for oil purposes for some time, and this is the first sign of any real operations.